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A Summary of the Exhibit.

IN AND OUT OF THE FOREST

The value of our National forests in furnishing grazing for the production of meat and the amount of income spent on roads and schools is explained in this exhibit.

SPECIFICATIONS

Floor space required	---	width	---	13 ft.
		depth	---	8 ft.
Wall space required	-----			None
Shipping weight	-----			600 lbs.
Electrical requirements	-----			None

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How It Looks

A large painted panoramic scene in one of the National forests occupies the entire surface of the three sections of the booth. The foreground has been painted in detail to show the character of the range. A herd of cattle and a band of sheep are shown grazing in a mountain meadow.

Several small painted scenes of interest to the livestock owner and others have been placed on the side sections in such a manner as not to interfere with the large scene.

What It Tells

The National Forests contain approximately 110,000,000 acres of grazing land suitable for beef cattle and sheep. This booth presents the Department's permit system, under which livestock belonging to settlers living in and adjacent to the National forest graze, upon the payment of a small fee, on Forest ranges for periods varying from several months to yearlong.

During the winter most of the cattle and sheep which use Forest ranges are held on the owners' meadows and feed lots or on outside winter ranges. In the spring they are driven to the National Forests where, under liberal regulations which insure maintenance of the forage crop and satisfactory production of meat and wool, they graze and fatten. Millions of fat lambs and steers are shipped to market every year. When not overgrazed Forest range is benefited by having livestock on it. One of the

chief advantages is the reduced fire hazard from the cropping of the grass and other vegetation. Approximately 700,000,000 pounds of beef and mutton are produced yearly with benefit to the producers and consumers alike.

As shown in the booth, part of the revenues to the Government from this grazing use are returned to the communities for the construction and maintenance of roads and the establishment and upkeep of schools. For a five-year period ending 1922 the States received over a million dollars for roads and schools, and a further sum of \$400,000 for the building of roads and trails within National Forests which were of vital importance to the adjacent communities.

Where to Get Information

For further information write to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.
